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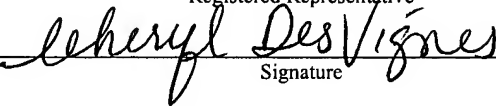
By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 1-14 and 22-26 without prejudice. Accordingly, claims 15-21 and 27 are pending in the subject application.

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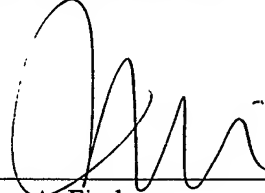
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